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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/849,737	Applicant(s) BECHT ET AL.	
	Examiner Thanh K. Truong	Art Unit 3721	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment received on September 6, 2005.
2. Applicant's cancellation of claims 1-14 is acknowledged.

Specification

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The Abstract is objected to because of the following informalities: the abstract contains legal phraseology such as: "means" and "said". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 19 and 26 are objected to because of the following informalities: the first letter "a" of claims 19 and 26 must be capitalized. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 15-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang (5,273,120).

Chang discloses an apparatus comprising:

a power tool housing (3) that includes member (25) disposed within the housing and is extending along axis (15) at the distal end of the housing (figures 1 & 2);

a handle (7, 5);

a first handle connecting member (13) (on the right hand side of figures 1 & 2) having a first axis (15) (on the right hand side of figures 1 & 2) – the first handle connecting member includes member (28) disposed within the handle connecting member;

a second handle connecting member (13) (on the left hand side of figures 1 & 2) having a second axis (15) (on the left hand side of figures 1 & 2) – the second handle connecting member includes member (28) disposed within the handle connecting member – the second axis non-parallel to the first axis (axis (15) of each handle connecting member forms an angle (36) with the longitudinal axis (40) of the housing, thus the first axis and the second axis are not parallel to each other);

a first vibration damping element (27) (on the right hand side of figures 1 & 2) between the first handle connecting member (13) and the power tool housing (as explained above, member (25) is construed as portion of the housing of the power tool); and

a second vibration damping element (27) (on the left hand side of figures 1 & 2) between the second handle connecting member (13) and the power tool housing.

Chang further discloses:

wherein the first vibration damping element and the second vibration damping element are made of an elastomeric material (column 2, lines 27-28 and column 4, lines 3-4 (claim 4));

wherein the first (and second) vibration damping element is a first (and second) annular member defining a first (and second) aperture having a first (and second) aperture axis (column 2, lines 19-20);

wherein the first (and second) handle connecting member (28) extends coaxially through the aperture of the first (and second) vibration damping element (as explained above, member (28) is construed as the portion of the handle connecting member); and

wherein the first aperture axis and the second aperture axis are non-parallel.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to the references of Ekstrom et al. (2,831,463) and WO 93/11912 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

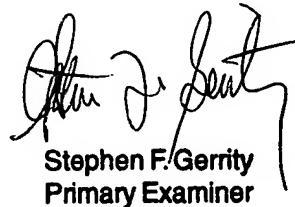
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh K. Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-4472. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thru 8:00AM - 6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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November 13, 2005.



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